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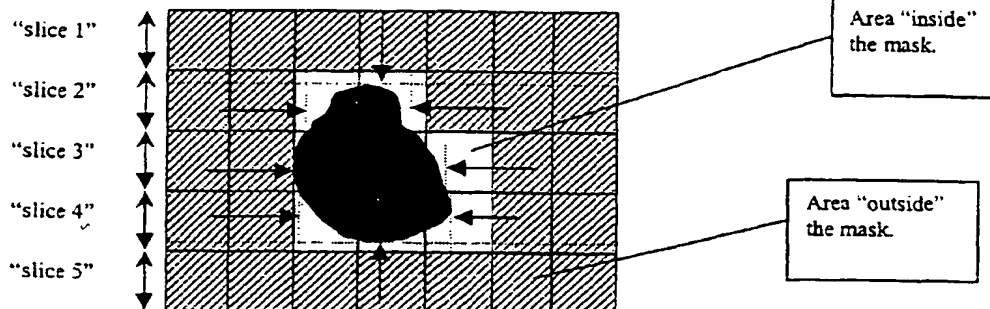
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(54) Title: VIDEO PRE-PROCESSING



(57) Abstract: A method of distinguishing between a foreground object part and a substantially static background part of each video frame within a video sequence. The method comprises the steps of: dividing each video frame into a number of video blocks each of which comprises one or more pixels; generating a mask frame in respect of each video frame, each mask frame having a mask block corresponding to each video block in each respective video frame; and either setting each mask block to either an object value, indicating that the corresponding video block in the corresponding video frame includes one or more pixels depicting a foreground object part, or to another value.

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